

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT KIRBY WELLS,

Defendant.

No. 2:21-cr-164 WBS

ORDER RELATING CASES

BMO BANK, N.A.,

Garnishee,

No. 2:24-mc-352 DAD SCR

ROBINHOOD FINANCIAL, LLC &  
ROBINHOOD SECURITIES, LLC,

Garnishees,

No. 2:24-mc-353 DAD CSK

NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY FOR LIFE  
AND HEALTH INSURANCE,

Garnishee,

No. 2:24-mc-354 DAD CSK

FARMERS INSURANCE FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION,

Garnishee,

No. 2:24-mc-356 WBS SCR

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Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a), because the actions involve the same parties and are based on the same claim, as the United States seeks writs of garnishment in the civil miscellaneous cases to enforce the criminal restitution order against defendant in the criminal case. Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the same judge is likely to effect a saving of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

The parties should be aware that relating the cases under Local Rule 123 merely has the result that both actions are assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the actions is effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the actions denominated United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:21-cr-164 WBS; United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-352 DAD SCR; United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-353 DAD CSK; United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-354 DAD CSK; and United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-356 WBS SCR, be, and the same hereby are, deemed related. The cases denominated United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-352 DAD SCR; United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-353 DAD CSK; and United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-354 DAD CSK, shall be reassigned to Judge WILLIAM B. SHUBB. Any dates currently set in the reassigned cases only are hereby VACATED. Henceforth, the captions on documents filed in the reassigned cases shall be

1 shown as United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-352 WBS SCR;  
2 United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-353 WBS SCR; and United  
3 States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-354 WBS SCR.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make  
5 an appropriate adjustment in the assignment of cases to  
6 compensate for this reassignment.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: October 28, 2024



9 **WILLIAM B. SHUBB**

10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**